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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The anti-silver republicans are about the most disgusted lot of men in Washington. They had planned to whip their silver colleagues into line for the support of the House tariff bill, and for that reason they allowed the free coinage substitute for the House bond bill to go through the Senate without attempting to delay it. They know that the House would kill it, as it will actually do this week, and thought that they would then be able to rush the tariff bill through the Senate without amendment. They first learned their mistake when the Finance Committee reported that a free coinage bill, word for word, as a substitute for the House tariff bill. They now want that substitute sent back to the Finance committee, but that will do them no good, unless they can get Senator Jones, of Nevada, the member of the committee who holds the balance of power, to change his vote, and that isn't considered probable. It now looks very much as though President Cleveland would be saved the trouble of writing a veto of that tariff bill.

One of the best speeches, from a strictly democratic point of view, made during the debate on the free coinage substitute for the House bond bill which closed today, was by Representative Bartlett, of Ga., and it wasn't a long speech; either. Mr. Bartlett is a silver man, but he made it distinctly understood that he was above all other things a democrat—in his own words, "I want to say that whether in the majority or minority, wherever the democratic flag floats, there will be my standard." He was still more emphatic when Mr. Skinner, of North Carolina, asked him would he support a gold candidate on a gold platform, if the Chicago convention should put forth such. "I will," replied Mr. Bartlett, "vote for any man whom the majority of the democrats nominate in convention."

Senator Fry was unanimously elected president pro tem of the Senate, and republican caucus has nominated the other officers, but inasmuch as there is a doubt of their ability to elect them, they have not decided when they will make the attempt.

Although the republicans have not yet secured a majority in the Senate, they have already begun to fill the incubator with extravagant schemes, to be hatched out by the aid of future legislation. One of these schemes was proposed to the republican senatorial caucus by that eminent grab bag statesman George Fill-me-up Hoar, of Mass., whose cherub-like countenance never beams quite so dazlingly as when he sees a new opportunity to run his hand into the National Treasury. His new scheme provides that the United States Government, which already

pays Senators a salary of \$5,000 a year, mileage to and from their homes—a clean pickup to those who ride on passes, and most of them do—allows them a liberal amount for stationary etc., and hires a clerk for each of them, shall furnish every Senator with a valet—no, beg pardon, messenger is what Senator Hoar said, but after all valet is probably what he meant. A proposition more needlessly extravagant was never proposed to either branch of Congress, but the republican caucus took it seriously enough to appoint Senators Allison, Elkins and Chandler a committee to consider it and report to the next caucus.

President Cleveland did not make any recommendation when he sent the report of the Nicaragua Canal Commission to Congress, but the unfavorable nature of that report, concerning the building of the canal under existing plans, makes it well-nigh certain that no bill authorizing the guarantee of bonds to be ended by the present Canal Company can become a law.

The anti-prizefighting bill, putting a heavy penalty upon those who engage in fistie contests for money in any of the territories or in the District of Columbia, gave the country an excellent idea of how easily and how quickly Congress can act when so disposed. This bill went through the House and Senate without a dissenting vote and was promptly signed by the President all within forty-eight hours.

The results of the bidding for those bonds are in the main satisfactory to the administration, but there are good reasons for the belief that President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle very reluctantly awarded any portion of the bonds to the Morgan syndicate; but, inasmuch as the subscription in excess of the bid of that syndicate only took about two thirds of the issue, there was nothing else that could be fairly done but to award the others to that syndicate. Although more than three-fourths of the bonds have been awarded to New York bidders that does not mean that so large a percentage of the bonds as that will go there. Bidders from all sections of the country forwarded their bids through their financial correspondents in New York. Wherever they go and whatever becomes of them it is hoped that these will be the last bonds ever issued by the U. S. in a time of peace.

President Cleveland spent Saturday down the Potomac, shooting ducks, so another way of abuse of him may be expected from the usual sources.

Aristotle was the first philosopher to suggest the real cause of the phenomenon of dew. He said, "The sun's heat raises the vapor, from which the dew is formed as soon as that heat is no longer present to sustain the vapor."

From Meat Camp, N. C.

Editor Democrat:

It has been some times since I have seen a communication in your paper from this section. Though, perhaps many things might have been and could now be reported, yet Paul tells us that "All things edify not," therefore we should not report them.

While incidents and accidents are occurring all over the country which excite profound sympathy, or call forth deepest regrets or resentments; we are thankful that we can report some things which should command the highest appreciation and the most hearty thanks to God.

We have just closed one of the most important revival meetings at Hopewell church that we have had for years. Bro. L. D. Cole, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Houck, of Ashe county, have been laboring during the past week, night and day, closing yesterday. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, rain, mud, snow and wind, the brethren and sisters were so deeply interested that the attendance was good, though some were afraid of the measles and did not attend.

Never before, we believe have we witnessed old Hopewell attended with such an earnest, prayerful body of brothers, sisters and friends, as on this occasion. Almost every service was made glorious because of the witness of the Holy Ghost in the hearts of the Christians, many of whom were constrained from the depths of their nature to shout aloud the praises of God. And the sinners, one and all, seemed more or less impressed with this heavenly witness which reproves the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. There were five, or perhaps six, conversions, several reclamations and six accessions, and the whole church refreshed and strengthened spiritually.

The meeting was the result of the appointment of Rev. T. E. Weaver, who promised to hold a revival at this time, together with brother Houck. He left the appointment on the first Sunday for Bro. Houck to fill while he promised to take charge on Monday himself if not Providentially hindered. But he came not, and the earnest solicitation of the members and the special request of Bro. Cole, Bro. Houck remained, and the two have preached, exhorted and praised God with this glorious result.

A STEWARD.

Landmark: Senator Butler lays down the proposition that the silver question is above all questions and that the friends of silver in North Carolina will certainly have a ticket pledged to it to vote for this year. On the other hand Sen. Pritchard writes that the national money problem is "insignificant and unimportant compared with others. These two declarations of the co-operative Senators do not fuse worth a cent.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Col Carr's Wise Words.

A Raleigh correspondent to the Charlotte Observer writes the following to that paper.

"Your correspondent interviewed Col. Julian S. Carr and asked him what in his opinion, was the best course for the Democrats to pursue this year. Col Carr replied with marked animation: "My judgment is, that the chances for Democratic success in the approaching campaign are by no means desperate, provided we will only take counsel of our fears, heal our differences and make a desperate fight. The Democratic party is founded on principle, and principle never dies. There is no better fighting element than a scared Democrat. Let the party make a straightout Democratic fight. No temporizing, no compromise, no cowardly makeshift. Principle will win better than expediency—and unless I am mistaken, the Democratic party was never more determined than now. Let every Democrat religiously resolve that whatever platform the party may adopt—that platform shall be the one upon which he will deliver battle, whoever the Democrats nominate shall be the bearer of the standard around which he will rally. Nominate the strongest man without regard to settlement or section, avoid abuse and trust to principle and sound argument, relying upon the sober second thought of our people, and the next Governor of North Carolina will be a Democrat."

Ram's Horn Wrinkles.

Whatever stifles liberality chokes religion.

Sin will behave itself a year, to have its way an hour.

A great many people have religion who do not have Christ.

A preacher with a warm heart will not long have a cold church.

Every good man makes unwritten laws that others have to keep.

We ought to find out that condemning others will never justify us.

Its righteous men are a better protection to a city than its police.

The blood of Christ makes every promise in the Bible worth its face.

Some folks are a long time in finding out that it never pays to worry.

God had to deal with men by law, before He could deal with them in love.

The man who knows that he has God's love, will always believe that he has His help.

Christ will knock at the door of our hearts, but he will not come in unless we open it.

The fear of punishment may keep men from doing wrong, but it cannot make them love right.

An unconverted church member is as much in danger of being lost as a sinner in the slums.

Lenoir Topic: Rev. T. F. Nelson, brother of our esteemed townsman, Mr. J. L. Nelson, who left this county about ten years ago, is now located at Moscow, Idaho, and is the pastor of the first Baptist church in that city. His friends here will be pleased to know that his health is much improved.

A Good Idea.

Wilmington Messenger.

Laws against carrying pistols are not effective. The good, law-abiding, correct citizens will obey the law, while the violent and vicious—the devils incarnate particularly—will go about living, peripatetic arsenals, ready to shoot on the slightest provocation. Give them a drink or two and they will pull and shoot at a wink. You cannot quell villainy and violence by restraining good men from ordinary means of self defense, while the rowdies and scoundrels go around "spilling for a fight" armed in both hip pockets. South Carolina has a new plan under discussion. A paper says:

"The method proposed now is to make pistol carrying costly by compelling dealers who sell them to take out a license and put a stamp, and their name on every box of cartridges sold. In addition, it would require everyone owning or carrying a pistol to take out a paid for license for the privilege, tax the pistol itself as property, and have every citizen make oath both on registering and voting, that he has not violated the law on this subject. If such a law were placed on the South Carolina statute books and enforced it would quickly mitigate the pistol evil in that State, but it is doubtful if it could be enforced. Public opinion would not sustain it."

War in Cuba.

The Cubans are holding their own with great spirit, activity, dash and courage in the teeth of the "Butcher," and his plans of murder and oppression. Late reports are favorable to the patriots. Campos stretched a line of troops across the island, but the Cubans broke through at will. General Marin copied his tactics, and boasted he had the "rebels" cooped in at last.

But in vain the brag and the preparation. The military line is not regarded, and Generals Gomez and Maceo repeat their old way of dashing and slashing. Reports tell how in spite of Spanish reports of victory, always exaggerated if not completely manufactured to order, the insurgents avoid them and are busy in cutting off supplies and distressing the enemy by forays and other interesting "diviltry". If the Spaniards could have killed as many Cubans as they have reported since the revolution began, there would not be now a living fighter in the island among the patriots. Gen. Maceo is reported wounded in the leg, but is still able to command. The Spanish plan to establish a cordon of forts on the line of the railroad resulted in some of the extemporized forts being burned up by the Cubans.—News and Observer.

There is something among men more capable of shaking despotism than lightning, whirlwind, or earthquake—that is, the threatened indignation of the whole civilized world.—Daniel Webster.

A Republican View.

The Statesville Landmark prints the following from an interview with A. E. Holton. Mr. Holton says:

"As matters now look, there will be three tickets in the State, Republican, Democratic and free silver, and the latter will be in name and in all other respects, by September 1st, the Populist ticket. You will remember that in a letter to Congressman Pearson last fall, I told him in effect that the sooner our Republican friends quit talking populist doctrine the better it would be for themselves and their party, for they would either have to abandon their position or join the populists. This is still true, and it is now being demonstrated. We can carry 60 counties in spite of the populists' leaders, as we will have fusion in that number at least, on local matters.

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